



CAROLYN HARRIS MP
STANDING UP FOR SWANSEA EAST



July 2023 Monthly Update

July is always a month I look forward to, as with the advent of the summer recess away from Westminster comes the longest stretch of time I get to spend in our community working on #EveryoneDeservesASummer. This month saw plenty of action in the Commons chamber, be it on gambling or menopause, but I would be lying if I said I didn't have an eye on things back home in Swansea East and all the good causes my team are working with. Have a lovely summer all!

A Busy Month in the Chamber

I was fortunate enough to be once again drawn for PMQs (I'm on a hot streak) and I took the opportunity to question the Deputy Prime Minister, Oliver Dowden, on the progress the Government was making with the Gambling White Paper. The question came days after the coroner found that the cause of Luke Ashton's tragic suicide in April 2021 was gambling disorder, a significant finding in a landmark case for those who have campaigned for reform of the industry. Immediately before Luke's death and bombarded with inducements, he placed over 1200 bets with no intervention from the operator. I was relieved to hear that as a former Secretary of State for the Department of Culture, Media and Sport, the Deputy PM 'shares [my] concerns about gambling inducements' but I still fear the White Paper does not go far enough to curb advertising and promotions.

I carried this train of thought into DCMS questions on the 20th, where I explained to the Secretary of State that with 55,000 young people aged 11-16 already classed as problem gamblers, and tens of thousands more considered at risk, it should be obvious to everyone that loot boxes in video games are a slippery slope towards gambling disorder.

It wouldn't be a month in Parliament without me bringing up menopause and the Government's atrocious handling of HRT shortages on the floor of the House and July was no exception. I explained to the Minister responsible for women's health that I have had thousands of women contact me, detailing just how disruptive the shortages of Utrogestan have been. Many women in England have paid for the HRT Pre-Payment Certificate I successfully campaigned for, in order to receive their HRT prescriptions at a reduced rate, only to find their chosen product in short supply and be provided an alternative that isn't covered by the PPC, meaning they are charged twice. The



So pleased to have #EveryoneDeserves back underway!



Relieved that the Deputy PM understood the importance of action during our exchange at PMQs



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🇨🇪 Shortages of Utrogestan – the most common and effective progesterone #HRT product - are turning women's lives upside down.

- ❌ No alternative specified on the SSP
- ❌ Women charged twice as Provera not on PPC
- ❌ Women at risk by taking oestrogen products with no progesterone

My tweet explaining just how disruptive shortages have been



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Government must rectify this absurd anomaly if it has any serious ambitions to tackle the disparities in women's health.

Everyone Deserves A Summer 2023 in full swing!

For the eighth year in a row, we are honoured to be working with a host of supporters to help families across Swansea and the surrounding areas during the school summer break.

We are providing food to breakfast and lunch clubs, children's centres, and other free activities throughout the summer to ensure that nobody goes without.

I took the opportunity to announce during the Sir David Amess Summer Adjournment Debate that #EveryoneDeservesASummer is returning this year. I have no doubt that our community in Swansea is the envy of the country as MPs got to hear all about the amazing organisations, individuals and companies that are donating to and supporting #EveryoneDeserves.

My thanks again go to Budget Carpets, Hygrove Homes, LCV, Coastal Housing, Greggs Foundation, Peter Lynn Solicitors, Morganstone Ltd, J.C.R Wealth, ADS Limited, Dawsons Property, AB Glass, Warburtons, Morrisons, Bidfood, Castell Howell, Swansea City AFC Foundation, Ospreys in the Community, Swansea City Council, Huw Cooze of Visions Creative and Mal Pope

We have already put their faith to good use, as we have delivered donations to Clase Community Cwtch, Bonymaen Community Cwtch, Blaenymaes Drop In, St Teilos Faith in Families, Swans Fit and Fed Projects, Ospreys Fit and Fed Projects, Bonymaen Play Initiative, Manselton Community Centre, Hafod Primary School, Jersey Park Pavilion, Freedom Leisure Penlan and Freedom Leisure Morrision. We will also be donating provisions for the fun days planned at Primrose Park, Llansamlet Park, Heol Las and Trallwn Park.

If there are any other activities running in the area that are offering free meals that could benefit from donations of food from Everyone Deserves, please contact my office on **01792 462054** or email **carolyn.harris.mp@parliament.uk**



Always a pleasure to tell the Commons all about the good work our Swansea community does!



Loved popping in to give thanks and donations to the amazing Jersey Park Pavilion volunteers



Got to get stuck in with lunch making!